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25 Landowners Appear To Protest Valuations Of Their RC Property

The first session of the Redwood City Board of Equalization was conducted Monday at the city hall with only 25 property owners present to protest new assessed valuations placed on their holdings.

By city charter provision the city council must sit once a year as a board of equalization to hear protests by property owners against valuations.

Sessions which started Monday are scheduled to continue daily until all protesting property owners have been heard. The board meets each day at 10 a.m. in the city hall council chambers.

Among those present yesterday were Henry A. Beeger and Louis Weiss, 949 Edgewood Rd.

Beeger said his appearance was the first since 1878 by a member of his family in protest to assessed valuations.

Carrying a sheaf of valuation notices, one of each piece of property he owns, Beeger said that he was assessed for one 20-foot strip of land he doesn't even own.

After checking a city map, new City Assessor John J. Brophy said that Beeger had evidently been taxed on that piece of land for many years through an error long ago.

Beeger protested a method used by the J. M. Cleminshaw Co. which this year completely revalued the entire city, raising the taxable assessed value of the city by $18,043,150 — from $18,975,090 to $37,081,240. The firm measured each piece of land and then set the different values per land unit on the basis of recommendations by a committee of real estate men. After determining the size of a plot the firm would multiply it by the unit value supplied by the committee. Beeger pointed out that this had resulted in the committee setting one unit value for one side of Broadway and another for the other.

Weiss said that business district values were too low in comparison with values set on residential area lands.

As illustrations, he said that practically identical residences at 2348 Hopkins Ave. and 99 Nevada St. (next door) had been assessed differently. The first was assessed at $4240 while the second was assessed at $6720.

He said his own residence was a five-room and bath stucco house. The assessment was $6640. In comparison, he continued, a Purity Stores building at Marshall and Arguello Sts. was assessed at $13,880.

Also present was Fred Bamut, owner of an apartment building at 1 Duane St. Bamut said that furnishings in apartments he owns was assessed at $6750, a very steep increase from what they were formerly assessed at.

Brophy has urged property owners to learn at what figure their land is assessed. They may do so by seeing him at the city hall or by telephoning him at RC 1500.

At Monday's session, the city council authorized Brophy to "go after" all persons he found who previously had not made declarations for paid city taxes. Brophy brought up the subject by pointing out the revaluation had revealed some properties against which the city has not been collecting taxes. He said that by law the city can only collect back taxes for two years but asked that council express itself whether it wanted him to go that far.

During Monday's session, the council asked the Cleminshaw firm how it had arrived at its valuations, whereupon fire representatives explained to councilmen all over again their basis for operation.

At the end of the session, Mayor W. W. Hilton said he believed he understood the system now but that he objected to the state law on taxation. Valuations, he explained, are set now when few people appear to be interested. The "kicks" to council, he continued, will come next Winter when taxes are collected.

City Mgr. E. W. Blom told him there may not be as many kicks as he anticipated, because although the assessed valuation has risen, the tax rate will go down. Consequently property owners will not pay as much more in taxes as it would appear from the valuation figures.

Three Youths Arrested In Emerald Lake Area

Three juveniles were arrested Sunday for breaking street lights, bottles, and otherwise creating a nuisance, Duncan FitzGerald, Emerald Lake police officer reported today. The youths were turned over to the county juvenile authorities.

FitzGerald also explained that Reed Liedmann, 1182 King St., was arrested Saturday on charges of being drunk and disturbing the peace and was given a five-day suspended jail sentence and six months' probation.

TWO BLAZES HALTED

Redwood City firemen extinguished two small fires Sunday At 7:06 p.m. they were called to put out a rug fire at the home of Mrs. Frank Thompson, 424 Stambaugh St. Damage was estimated at $15. At 1:30 p. m. they extinguished a grass fire at 1462 Oxford St.

The Creek: It Just Plain Stinks

Just like the chamber of commerce claims, this may be indeed the "Climate Best by Government Test." But you can't prove it by shop operators along Broadway at Redwood Creek.

The stink, they claim, has recently been something fierce. So bad that even the old-time residents can't remember anything quite as bad as this. At first, said Jerry Towne, 2048 Broadway, it was believed that maybe some dog, cat or rat had not received a proper and fitting burial.

Investigation showed, however, that it was no dead animal. It was the same old dead slough with a brand new and something fierce smell.

Lee Alderman, 2063 Broadway, said the smell was worse in the back room right over the slough. But that in the front, thanks to Uncle Sam's preservatives, the smell was not distinguishable. Alderman works in a store selling excess government supplies and for the moth balls and grease you can't smell much.

Just what the solution to the "something is rotten in Redwood Slough" situation it remains an open question. City Mgr. E. W. Blom has suggested that the city sometime do something about fixing the slough but so far there hasn't been much city council action.

Blom has suggested two alternatives:

1. Install a flood gate at the slough which would keep tide waters out.

2. Install a dam and a pump so that creek water could be pumped into the bay but that the tide could not back up into the city, bringing all the wonderful examples of nature and civilization floating up to the main drag.

Either solution would call for a culvert over the creek at Broadway and would probably dispense with some of the stink which is not unlike the Emeryville mud flats only closer.

Oh, yes, none of the shop operators or employes can explain this new stink. It's a jim dandy, all right, but they can't explain except for the hot weather, why it's so much worse than it used to be.

Seek SM County Man's Killers

San Jose police said they are making progress in an attempt to track down the killers of Jesus L. Quihuis, 28, San Bruno nursery worker, who was fatally stabbed in a San Jose barroom brawl Saturday night.

Police spokesman said three suspects are being tagged as definite participants in the fight, which apparently involved Mexican nationals and Americans of Mexican descent.

He said photographs of the three, all of whom have been previously arrested, will be shown witnesses for positive identification before they are picked up by police.

Meantime, funeral services for the dead man, who was divorced and lived with his three children, Dorothy, George and Phyllis, on Sneath Lane, San Bruno, were held this morning from the Rancadore & Alameda Funeral Home, San Jose. Burial was in the Santa Clara City Cemetery.

Contractor Hurt Fighting Arrest

Gus Waller, 63, 2345 Middlefield Rd., a retired contractor, was in Community Hospital Monday with a broken arm after trying to keep Officer Robert Copp from handcuffing him Sunday night.

Copp was trying to arrest Waller in a Main St. grill for disturbing the peace and while swinging his arm around it was broken. Waller is charged with drunkenness in addition to disturbing the peace.

Texan Jailed Here On Double Charge

Terrell B. Meshew, 27, San Antonio, Tex., was booked at the county jail here by Redwood City police Sunday on a charge of drunkenness and investigation of theft.

Leo T. Gallimore, Redwood Hotel, charged that Meshew took $60, radio and coats and an electric clock from the hotel following a party after midnight Sunday.

SUNNYVALE MAN HELD

Redwood City police Sunday night arrested William G. Shinn, 23, Sunnyvale, in the 800 block of Main St. on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Beeger Tannery Here To Close; Owners Plan New Shopping Center

Beeger Tanning Co.'s big red building between El Camino Real and Lathrop St., a Redwood City landmark since 1878, will be torn down and the site converted into a shopping center, Henry A. Beeger, operator of the plant, announced.

Beeger said that his two sons were not interested in carrying on the business founded by his father and that he no longer cared to stay in the business.

The plant has been closing down gradually since Jan. 1. There were between 45 and 50 employes at the beginning of the year and only 15 employes now. When all leather supplies in the plant are exhausted, work will cease, Beeger said.

Beeger said there had been complaints about the tannery in the heart of the city and declared that much of the machinery in the plant needed replacement.

He stated he decided to discontinue the business when his sons declared they were not interested in the business. He said there was no point in a man continuing ab usiness unfil the day he dies because "you can't take it with you and it interfered with my hunting and fishing."

Beeger is a former myor of Redwood City. His wife, Dove, earlier this year won the title of Redwood City's outstanding citizen of 1946. Their sons are Jack, who spent three years in the navy and is now a student at San Jose State College, and Bill, a senior at Sequoia High School.

The shopping center will be complete with parking lot facilities, Beeger declared.

Underpass Action Urged By Planner

Concerted action from one end of the Peninsula to the other was urged Monday at a Redwood City Planning Commission session as a means of finally doing something towards correcting the grade separation conditions along Southern Pacific Co. tracks.

The question, which has been dormant for several months, was raised by Paul Jones, a new commissioner.

Jones asked what restraint the state highway commission can place on municipal underpasses, explaining that he favored a shallow underpass at the Broadway crossing. He said that such a two-lane underpass would have to be only nine feet high and would not interfere with businesses on the street.

James Campbell, of the firm of Hahn, Campbell and Associates said that on streets like Broadway where gas tax money is spent, the state imposes minimum standards. Such standards possibly would rule out such a shallow underpass.

Campbell suggested that the state commission be contacted to see whether such an underpass would be approved.

Albert H. Morgan Jr., commission chairman, then suggested that the tracks should be raised the entire length of the Peninsula. Such a raising, he pointed out, would take care of all cities between San Jose and San Francisco.

Campbell said that although many surveys had been made of the Southern Pacific crossings, there had been no unified action. He said that San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties have made separate plans and suggested that such plans should be brought together and that the matter be taken to Sacramento in an effort to gain state government action.

Morgan then suggested that the commission secretary invite both the county planning commission and State Sen. Harry Parkman to the next city commission meeting.

Parkman, Morgan claimed, would be able to tell the city commission the best methods of going about getting state assistance for its aims.

That raised tracks would be entirely feasible for Redwood City was claimed by Comsr. Francis Britschgi.

Britschgi said that the SP tracks between Atherton and San Carlos dipped and that an eight to 16 foot fill could be installed for that distance without causing the railroad to handle any uphill pulls as a consequence.

He suggested that all the planning commissions get together and either "make it so hot" that the railroad would take action by itself or that action would be ordered by the state government.

Comsr. Joseph Territo urged that the commission "take the bull by the horns and go after it."

At its session, the commission also:

Heard Comsr. G. L. Bedbury urge that the city council take some action forcing the Martin Bus Lines to follow schedules.

$2100 Fire Here Hits Garage, Home

Fire in two garages and a house caused $2100 worth of damage at Alterton St. and East Brewster at 12:08 p.m. Wednesday, Fire Insp. Richard Drivon reported.

The fire, Drivon said, started in a garage attached to a house occupied by C. O. McClure and his two sons. As the flames ruined the garage and spread to the home they jumped to a garage occupied by Gus Noreen at 628 Allerton, causing an additional $100 worth of damage.

Flames, Drivon continued, caused $500 worth of damage to the other garage and $1500 worth to the attached house.

Firemen could give no cause for the flames.

They said that the alarm came in by five telephone calls and a box which was pulled. Firemen rolled two pumpers, a hose truck and a ladder truck to the blaze.

Although the fire whistle was not attached at the time, all firemen reported. Drivon said the whistle was under repair at the time but that off duty firemen were standing by call boxes at their homes while repairs were made.

The house and garage occupied by the McClures is owned by Mrs. Emily Vidal, 1564 Fell St., San Francisco.

Father Takes Toys, Lands in Jail

A San Mateo electrician who took away his children's electric trains and other toys "until Christmas" decided to give them back immediately after cooling his heels overnight in the county jail.

Mrs. Lydia G. Schlick Monday told Superior Judge Cotton that her estranged husband had removed the hinges from her garage door and took the two toy trains, the Christmas tree lights and trim, and other belongings. She has a divorce suit pending, and the husband, John J. Schlick, 34, has filed a cross complaint. Each charges the other with cruelty.

Schlick was brought into court Monday on an order to show cause why he should not be restrained from molesting his wife. During the hearing, Mrs. Schlick told Judge Cotton about the toys.

When the judge asked Schlick about it, the San Mateo man replied:

"I'll take good care of them. They'll get them back at Christmas time."

"Where are the toys?" the judge demanded.

"I wouldn't tell anyone where they are," Schlick retorted.

"You had better," the judge declared grimly, "or I'll lock you up."

When Schlick answered that he would "produce them in time," the judge ruled he was in contempt of the court and waved the bailiff to lock him up. He was released Monday after he promised to produce the toys.

Both Schlick and his wife are seeking custody of their five children, ranging in ages from two to eight.

Dial Phones Here Nearing Completion

Installation of dial equipment in the central office of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., at El Camino Real and Wilson St. has been completed and telephone service in Redwood City will be under full dial operation within the next few weeks, E. C. Krase, manager, reported Monday.

Testing of the equipment is now under way in preparation for the final cutover.

About 5800 manually operated telephones remain to be converted to dial operation. Notification as to the exact time and date of the cutover will be made later, Krase said.

Dial telephone service was inaugurated here last December when the new EMerson-6 office was placed in service. At that time some 2000 telephones were assigned new EMerson-6 numbers and changed from manual to dial operation.

Telephone numbers of all subscribers whose service is still on a manual basis will be changed at the time of the cutover, according to Krase. The new numbers will have the Emerson-6 office designation preceding the four digits that complete the telephone number, for example EM 6-5047.

Krase said the new numbers have been placed on the dials of all subscribers' telephones affected by the cutover. A temporary number card showing the present "Redwood" number has been placed over the new number. Subscribers will be notified as to when the new numbers become effective and when to remove the temporary number card. Thereafter there will be no "Redwood" numbers, as that prefix will have been discontinued and the new EMerson-6 numbers will be in use.

Record Sequoia Summer School Set for Closing Rites Tomorrow

Classes at the Sequoia High Summer school will end Friday morning, Carl S. Underwood, Summer school director, announced today.

Underwood declared that this year's enrollment of 478 was the largest in the four-year history of the Summer school. Students from 44 different high schools were registered in the program, he said.

The board of trustees this Spring voted to expand the Summer school to facilitate the changeover to a four quarter plan recommended by Dr. John C. Almack of Stanford University, should the board decide to make such a change.

Underwood said that 13 full-time teachers and one half time teacher was employed at the Summer school. Courses in English, mathematics, United States history, typing, sewing, applied arts, woodshop, and chemistry were given, he said.

"The Summer school has been a great help to students for make-up work and an opportunity for them to take subjects they would have otherwise been unable to take under a regular course of study?" Underwood declared.

He pointed out that a number of students were able to receive diplomas as a result of units obtained through Summer school courses.

A breakdown of enrollment showed the registration of students by high school and school district as follows:

Sequoia, 292; Palo Alto, 33; Burlingame, 25; Notre Dame, 19; San Jose, 18; South San Francisco, 10; Mountain View, 9, and Santa Clara, 7.

San Mateo, 6; Serra High School, 6; San Francisco high schools, 5; Bellarmine High School, 5; Los Altos, 4; Menlo School, 4; Convent of the Sacred Heart, 4, and 29 miscellaneous high schools, 31.

Hit-Run Trial Under Way Here

The trial of Harold L. Moore of Woodside on a charge of hit-run driving started Monday before Superior Judge Clark Clement.

Moore, 48, is charged as a result of the death of Edward Shine, 75-year-old Woodside resident who was killed on June 21 after he was struck by a car in Woodside.

A previous charge of manslaughter placed against Moore had been dismissed. Moore pleaded not guilty to hit-run driving and waived a jury trial.

Something Smelly About Slough; Readers Give Answer

Two Tribune readers came up with reasons on just why Redwood Slough is such a stinking affair. Tuesday shop owners on Broadway claimed that the smell from the slough was getting even better than it used to be and that it was entirely too stinking good to begin with.

Mrs. H. O. Williams, 112 Cedar St., who has lived there 25 years, said the smell is the result of tanneries and of accumulated rubbish in the creek.

There used to be five or six flood gates at Broadway, she recalls. These would be opened up to allow the tide to come in. Water would then back up as far as Roosevelt Ave.

When the tide receded the gates were closed.

When it had ebbed as far as it was going to, the gates were opened and the water rushed out, scouring and cleaning the creek as it went.

For years, she continued, these gates have been gone and the creeks haven't been scoured this way.

And naturally the creeks have filled with accummulated dirt, filth and an entirely unnatural smell.

Stephen N. Gaskill, 1005 Crompton Rd., is the Kensington Square district, has another answer.

Gaskill says that his sewers and four others he knows of empty right into the creek. The district is outside city limits near Jefferson Ave.

Recently the city council refused to permit district property owners to hook into city sewers until they are ready to be annexed into the city and pay city taxes.

Property owners had sought use of city sewers without joining the city. Their septic tanks, they said, overflowed causing an unsanitary condition.

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Five-Man Committee to Study Menlo Park's Library Needs

Menlo Park Mayor Charles P. Burgess Tuesday appointed a five-man citizens' library committee to deal with the problem of relocating the Menlo Park branch of the county library.

Burgess said he would meet with the committee this week to familiarize members with the problem. Committee members appointed at the regular council meeting last night were: Lloyd Neumann, former Menlo Park councilman; Melville J. Homfeld, new superintendent of the Menlo Park School Dist.; Mrs. Wallace Brown, Steve Butler and Augustus Locke.

Library facilities are now located at the top of a flight of steps in the city hall. Mrs. Vera Johnson, librarian, has asked for a larger, ground floor location so that the library may have a reading room.

The council set Aug. 26 at 8 p.m. as the date and time for a hearing on issuance of bonds as security on unpaid assessments for the Santa Cruz Ave. improvement project.

City Engineer Edwin H. Smith told the council that $66,375 of the total assessment of $152,000 has not been paid. He pointed out that one property owner is holding up the project by not agreeing to accept what the city will pay for portions of his property needed for the project.

Smith also said that Frank and Charles Brady who own the corner property at Santa Cruz Ave. and El Camino Real are objecting to giving up a portion of their lot for the project.

Ed Derry owns property fronting on El Camino Real and on Oak Grove Ave. Smith said a court order may be necessary to allow construction crews to go ahead with the project in this area.

"The council is very unhappy over Derry's attitude," Burgess stated. "I have spoken with several property owners who feel that the price the city is offering for their property is lower than that on the open market. They have accepted it, however, and are willing to cooperate in the community project."

The council Tuesday night also:

Held a tax rate hearing and set the rate at the legal maximum level of $1.

Passed an annexation ordinance bringing into the city the five-acre Sailor property at Oak Ave. and Olive St.

Set. Aug. 26 at 8 p.m. as the date and time for opening of bids on a storm sewer project to drain the "lake" at Merrill St. and Santa Cruz Ave.

Received a report of state approval on use of gas tax funds for the following projects: paving of Ravenswood Ave. from El Camino Real to Pine St., $6375; Santa Cruz Ave. improvement project, $5000; general maintenance, $1500.

Announced it would meet with the Menlo Sanitary Dist. Board to discuss responsibility for sewer failures.

Heard a report that papers on the Dibble Hospital property are now in the San Francisco office of the War Assets Administration.

EPA Man Jailed On Gaming Charge

An East Palo Alto cafe operator who ignored a warning by deputy sheriffs to get rid of the punch boards in his place wound up in the county jail Monday night on a charge of gambling.

Charles H. Brandon, 44, 92 Atherton Ave., Atherton, was arrested at 12:26 a.m. today at Sugar Joe's at 1458 Bayshore Blvd., the cafe he operates with his brother. Brandon was released from the jail a half hour later on $100 cash bail.

He was arrested by Dep. Sheriffs Ben Silverstein, William Clayton and Charles Bickel, who had visited the cafe the night before last. According to Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore, the deputies told Brandon to get rid of six punch boards.

Brandon refused, Moore declared, and told the deputies that "he was running the business."

The officers confiscated the six punch boards which pay off in amounts varying from 15 cents to $25. One of the punch boards pays from 50 cents to $25 on a 25-cent "punch"; two other 25-cent punch boards pay from $1 to $5; two 5-cent varieties pay from 15 cents to $25, and the sixth, a 10-cent punch board pays between $5 and $25.

Reserve Officers Name President

Paul F. Pick of San Bruno was elected president of the San Mateo County chapter of the Reserve Officers of the Naval Services at a recent dinner-meeting held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in San Mateo.

Harry L. Haehl Jr., San Mateo, was selected to act as vice president of the RONS with Karl Loeffler, San Carlos, secretary, and Al Grossman, Burlingame, treasurer.

New board of directors includes Harold Taggert, George Heiskanen, Margaret Worden, all of San Mateo; Homer Sherrell, Burlingame, and Frank Ingersoll, San Mateo.

Installation ceremonies will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, at a regular monthly meeting.

Pick succeeds Ingersoll who has been president for the past year. Other outgoing officers are James Kehoe, vice president; Donald Dixon, Fred Glover, all of San Mateo; George Lowery, Hillsborough, and Maxine Hegland, Menlo Park, board of directors. Jack Rice, San Mateo, was treasurer.

The RONS, a national organization sponsored by the navy but not officially connected with it, became active shortly after the war. The San Mateo group was organized about a year ago, Ingersoll said. The organization is composed of former commissioned officers of the navy, coast guard and marine corps.

'No Duplication' In Blood Plans

Assurance that a new national Red Cross blood program will not duplicate existing community facilities was given the San Mateo County Blood Bank recently by Walter S. Martin, chairman of the San Mateo County Chapter, American Red Cross.

In a letter to Dr. Carl Hoag, head of the blood bank, Martin said "The duplication of existing facilities and programs in any locality is not contemplated. Please be assured of our continued cooperation with the San Mateo County Blood Bank."

The question arose when Basil O'Connor, national Red Cross head, announced the new peacetime Red Cross program.

Martin said in discussing the new plan he had taken occasion "to point out that in the San Mateo County Blood Bank we had a splendid community facility which we did not wish to duplicate. I was assured that the Red Cross plan was conceived as a flexible program geared to both national and local community needs and that operating units are to be established only after full consultation between the national organization and the chapter concerned."

10 Injured in Weekend Accidents, Same Number Held in Drunk Cases

An orgy of drinking landed 10 persons in county jail during the weekend, eight of them charged with drunken driving and two with being drunk about an automobile.

Emile Bejaut, 48-year-old French movie actor, was arrested by the CHP on Coast Hwy. near Rockaway Beach Saturday. He also was charged with reckless driving.

The officers reported that Bejaut was passing another car on a curve, driving on the wrong side and that he failed to heed a patrol car's red light and siren. While being administered a sobriety test, Bejaut tried to tell officers how such tests were given in France, according to Capt. E. F. Cassell. Bejaut is to appear before Justice of the Peace John J. Fahey Jr. in South San Francisco on Aug. 21.

James C. W. Hall, 42, an accountant who lives at 1 Duane St., was arrested at 12:45 a.m. Sunday on Bayshore Hwy. near 19th Ave., San Mateo. He is to appear Friday before Justice of the Peace Hugh F. Mullin Jr.

Paul H. Clampett, 46, a salesman who lives in Carmel, was arrested at 4:15 p.m. Sunday on Bayshore Hwy. near Burlingame. He is to appear Aug. 20 before Justice of the Peace William Finger.

Hugh S. Allison, 43, an Edgemar brickmaker, was charged with drunken driving and hit-run driving after his car struck a parked automobile in Edgemar Sunday morning. He is scheduled to appear before Judge Fahey on Aug. 21.

Quirinio F. Nunez, 38-year-old Mayfield musician, was arrested at 12:45 a.m. Monday on Bayshore Hwy. near San Mateo. He is to appear Friday before Judge Mullin.

John Podesta, 28, San Francisco teamster, was arrested Saturday evening on Tunnel Hill near South San Francisco and is scheduled to appear Aug. 21 before Judge Fahey.

Max A. Balke, 24, and Lloyd J. Morrison, 23, both of South San Francisco, were charged with being drunk about an automobile after their car ran off Millbrae Rd. and broke off a fire hydrant early Sunday morning. The officers were unable to determine which of the two men was driving. They are to appear Aug. 20 before Judge Finger.

Ten persons were injured, one seriously, in accidents in San Mateo County during the weekend, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Joseph Dalmau, 57, a Southern Pacific fireman who lives in San Francisco, was in Community Hospital Monday with a possible fractured skull after the car he was driving was involved in a collision with a truck Sunday evening.

His wife, Mrs. Paulina Dalmau, 40, and their niece, Alice Verrala, 7, sustained minor injuries. Both were released from the hospital after treatment.

The CHP reported that Dalmau's sedan crashed into the side of a stake truck driven by Mateo A. Pacheco, 19, Half Moon Bay farmer. The accident occurred at 7:15 p.m. while Pacheco was making a left turn on Bayshore Hwy. into Holly Rd., San Carlos. According to the officers' report, Dalmau's car skidded 138 feet and the front end of the sedan damaged. The truck's side and wheels were damaged.

Arthur Gibson, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon B. Gibson, 515 Chaucer St., Palo Alto, was treated at the Redwood City Clinic for friction burns and head injuries about 6:15 Sunday when he fell from a car.

Gibson, 30-year-old research worker for Stanford University, told patrolmen that the boy was riding alone in the rear of the sedan and that he fell against the door handle. The door opened and after falling out, the boy held on to the car for a few seconds and was dragged along the highway. The accident happened on El Camino Real near Selby Ln.

Bud Goins, 51, of Palomar Stables, Colma, sustained minor injuries in a rearend collision between two cars Sunday night.

Goins was a passenger in a car driven by Thomas J. Seaton, 45, San Francisco, which was struck by a coupe driven by Douglas A. Hart, 55, of Mori's Point. The accident occurred on Alemany Blvd., during a heavy fog.

Mrs. Elsie W. Ramsden, 35, of 1244 Laurel St., East Palo Alto, was treated at Palo Alto Hospital for minor injuries she sustained in an automobile collision at Bay Rd. and Menalto Ave., East Palo Alto, Saturday evening. Her car collided with one driven by William J. Le Tarto, 28, of 211 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.

GARDEN: SM Floral Fiesta To Exhibit Champion Pigeons

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

As this is written, no further press releases have come from the San Mateo Floral Fiesta, so I don't know whether the idea for a pigeon derby was well received or not. At any rate, we know that there will be an exhibit of many breeds of champion pigeons.

In San Pablo, Mrs. Elsie Sjoberg responds to the call for garden questions from you readers with:

1. "What should one do to snapdragons after they are finished blooming? Should they be cut down almost to the ground or just the old blooms trimmed off? Several of mine have grown so tall I can't keep them staked up. We have lots of wind here, and so they are always being blown over. Several weeks ago I cut one of them to within 8 inches of the ground and it looks like it is dead now."

Snapdragons (Antirrhinum majus) are classed as perennials, but are usually treated as annuals. Indeed, in a seed catalog before me it is classed as a hardy annual. To get the most flowers from a plant, keep them from developing seed pods by removing flowers as they begin to fade. Once they are through blooming, they're through, period. Take them out.

Now is a good time to plant more snapdragons—now and next month. You can get early bloom, and run less risk of rust from snaps developed during cool weather. Always get the rust resistant strains anyway. Start them in flats, individual containers, or small pots.

2. "I have two raspberry bushes which I planted a year ago last Spring, and there were a few berries last year. I expected a fairly good crop this second year, but I got just a few more than last year. I am wondering if I made a mistake in letting all the new shoots grow that came up. The bushes are very large. Do raspberries produce only one crop a year? The berries came on in June and I expected them in August. Does this mean there will be another crop later?"

During Summer, the canes which have borne fruit are cut off — they're through. Keep the vines mulched, and don't cultivate deeply close to the plants for the roots are very shallow. After the summer or spring crop, keep irrigating them, and commercial growers often soak in fertilizer to promote more growth. This gives them a second crop in late Summer.

It is a mistake to let all the shoots of raspberries grow. They send out far too many, and these should be cut off. In Winter or dormant pruning, you leave from three to six of the strongest canes.

I. W. J. of Berkeley asks 1. "What value is rabbit manure. I have put it in the soil, plenty of it, and a good layer on the lawn. Everything grows good, but would they grow as good without it?"

Rabbit manure is slightly higher in fertilizer values than cow manure. When aged, it is beneficial, except for the lawns, where it's apt to introduce weeds.

2. "Is it too late to prune back a lilac bush that has grown two or three feet since last blooming time?" No. Might as well wait until dormant season. Then cut off all the branches which don't show good strong flower buds.

3. "Can top soil be taken from under a 10-year-old house be vitalized by mixing sand or gypsum with it, and put in the sun for several days with plenty of waterings?"

I should think so. If the soil was good, with organic matter in it to start with, it should be all right now, especially after the aeration and conditioning.

4. "Why is it that we city gardeners are advised to water the roots good on tomatoes, yet the farmer in a large field of tomatoes never waters them, and they grow on the ground, and the large crop and large sizes are better than the town people can grow?"

In the first place, you can rely on it that the tomatoes are getting plenty of water. Sometimes the farmers flood the fields and get a reservoir of moisture under the field, down to a depth of many feet.

The roots tap this. However, most tomato growers DO irrigate several times during the season, and they put on large quantities of water. Any time the home grower can soak the ground to a depth of six feet, he can forget about irrigating for a period of weeks, just as the farmers do. Trouble is, most greenthumbers don't get that much water on at a time.

AUTO CATCHES FIRE

A grass and automobile fire on Hillman Way, near Ruth Ave., was put out at 3:55 a.m. Wednesday by the Belmont Fire Dept. Damage to the car was minor, firemen reported.

SF Boy Drowns At Jones Gulch

A 9-year-old San Francisco boy drowned Sunday afternoon, unnoticed among 120 other boys who were swimming in the pool at the San Francisco YMCA camp at Jones Gulch, east of Pescadero.

Deputy Sheriff James Beatty reported that the victim is McKinley Stokes, who was spending the weekend at the camp.

The boy probably drowned between 3:15 and 4:45 Sunday afternoon but he was not missed until the 5:30 roll call, Beatty said. The drowning took place while Robert Weston and Earl Anderson, camp officials were acting as life guards and 120 others were using the pool.

After the boy was missed, William E. Parker, the camp director launched a search of the grounds and when he still was not found an hour later, officials decided to search the pool. The Negro boy's body was discovered at 7:15 p.m.

He was the son of Mrs. Mabel Stokes, 231 Navy Rd. San Francisco. The body was taken to Franklin and Crowe Mortuary for funeral arrangements.

Beatty declared that about 100,000 boys have used the camp since it was started eight years ago and that yesterday's drowning was the first tragedy reported there.

The coroner's office stated Monday after an autopsy that the boy may have died of shock, since he had an over-enlarged thymus gland and that very little water was present in the lungs.

Airport Show Set for Fiesta

A model airport exhibit 32 by 60 feet in size has been added to the ever-growing list of special attractions at the San Mateo County Fiesta, scheduled for Sept. 9 to 14 at Bay Meadows in San Mateo.

The airport exhibit will be shown under the direction of Air Scout Squadron I of Burlingame and will be directed by F. S. Lewis and his assistants C. K. Eisler and J. A. Wahle.

Featured attractions of this exhibit will be presentation of model planes which will be placed along the runway and in the hangers with a beacon atop the control towers and landing lights along the field. In addition, Lewis explains, there will be all the other accessories of a regulation airport.

Piper Cub demonstrations will be given each night under the supervision of Ed Farrell, squadron pilot, Bob Waters, assistant pilot, and Harold Perry, member of the unit.

Edmonds Hits Courthouse Switch Claim

Supervisor Henry W. Edmonds quashed rumors that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors was planning to take early action on the construction of a new courthouse, possibly outside of Redwood City.

Edmonds stated that a private consultation of the board members with Architect Leo Sharpe after Tuesday's meeting had nothing to do with the courthouse construction. That problem still remains to be settled, Edmonds declared, but is not before the board now.

The rumors started as a result of the altercation between Peterson and the board over the allocation of space left vacant by the removal of tax redemption records from the controller's office. The board is planning to meet with Peterson to try to straighten out the differences.

After the board called for bids on the juvenile and relief homes Tuesday, it was left with several other construction problems to face, with the location of a new tuberculosis sanatorium as the major issue. The board last week announced that it would decide on a course of action within two weeks.

The two choices open to the board are building at the present site of Canyon Sanatorium, or waiting two or three years and building adjacent to Community Hospital if the voters approve a new bond issue. The latter course was recommended overwhelmingly to the board by medical authorities.

Other construction projects hanging fire include a new station for the county fire department. A site near Woodside Rd. and Alameda de las Pulgas has been proposed for it.

The supervisors also soon must start work on finding a location for the offices of County Agricultural Comsr. Max Leonard. The county has sold the present location.

Burlingame Mayor U. S. Simonds Jr. Tuesday proposed the names of two Burlingame residents to serve on a County Housing and Rent Control Board requested by Henry A. Cross, area rent director. The men recommended are Jack Cawkwell and Charles E. Seafuse, but the board postponed the appointment until recommendations are received from other cities.

The supervisors also set a public hearing for Tuesday, Sept. 21, on a proposal for the union of the Purissima Elementary School Dist. and the Coastside Union Elementary School Dist. A petition for the union has been received by the board, and the trustees of both districts have agreed to the union.

The construction of an asphalt mix plant by Peter Sorensen near Five Points was brought before the board by Edmonds, but no action was taken. Edmonds told the other members that he had received complaints about the operation, but had told the complainants that the board must wait for a recommendation of the planning commission.

Alexander Morrison Dies in Belmont

Efforts of a Belmont Fire Dept. resuscitator crew Tuesday failed to revive Alexander Morrison, 72-year-old Belmont civic leader, who died of a heart attack at his home, 611 Waltermire Ave., shortly after midnight.

Firemen reported that they worked on Mr. Morrison for about an hour but to no avail. They were called in at 11:45 p.m.

Mr. Morrison recently resigned as chairman of the board of directors of the Belmont Water Dist. because of ill health. He had been a member of the board for 16 years.

He also served on the Belmont City Council and Planning Commission. Mr. Morrison resigned from the city council late last year. He was a retired army officer and a member of the Belmont American Legion Post 377.

Mr. Morrison was a native of Oneyville, R. I., and had resided in Belmont for the past 25 years.

Besides his wife, Mary Jane Morrison, he leaves five children, Mrs. Alice Hallbert of Belmont; Mrs. Marietta Caldwell of Fresno; Mrs. Isabelle Hogue of San Carlos; Mrs. Kathlene Lehmer of Belmont, and Alexander Morrison Jr. of Belmont.

Locked Bumpers Cause Arrest

Thomas O. Moore, 45-year-old real estate broker of 90 Selby Ln., Atherton, Tuesday found out what happens when you lock bumpers with the county fire warden.

Moore at 10:40 p.m. was driving north on the southbound lane of ElCamino Real, police report, and made a left turn onto Cherry St., forcing a southbound car to swerve out into the north lane.

Police said that in making the turn, Moore's car became entangled with the rear bumper of a car driven by County Fire Warden Bert Werder who radioed a report of the incident to the San Carlos police department.

Officers came to the scene and arrested Moore on a charge of drunken driving. Moore was released from county jail today on $250 bail and is to appear before Judge Rupert Johnson on Aug. 20.

Blame Ant Poison For Suicide Here

Mrs. Amy Gertrude Mitchell, 56, of Emerald Lake, died in Community Hospital at 3:05 a.m. Tuesday after she had told her husband that she took poison.

The sheriff's office listed the death as suicide and said that the stomach's contents will be examined by a toxicologist.

The husband, Raymond E. Mitchell, a carpenter, told deputy sheriffs that he returned to his home at 750 Lakeview Wy., about 6 o'clock Monday night from a shopping trip. He stated that he found his wife in bed vomiting and that she told him she had taken ant poison.

Mrs. Mitchell, who had been in ill health, had been under doctor's care and the husband immediately telephoned the doctor who told him to administer an emetic.

When his wife became much worse about 12:30 a.m., Mitchell called Duncan Fitzgerald, Emerald Lake police chief, and an ambulance. She was taken to Community Hospital where she died about two and one-half hours later.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by her husband, a son by a former marriage, George H. Keens, another son, Raymond P. Mitchell, and a grandson, Thomas Keens. Also surviving are Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hendricks, 333 Kipling St., Palo Alto.

Joal White Held On Driving Charge

Joal H. White, 36, 1172 Valota Rd., free from jail on bail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was arrested again Monday at 1 a.m. on a charge of being drunk in an automobile at Roosevelt Ave and Ruby St.

White had been arrested late in June after he pulled a gun on Officer Herman Estes, who had gone to his home after White had telephoned headquarters saying he wanted to see an officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of August, 1947.

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On this 1st day of August, 1947, before me, Harold Huovinen, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Oscar M. Smith and Ottar M. Dahl known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, Certificate of Partnership Transacting Business under a Fictitious Name, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

(SEAL) Harold Huovinen, Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California.

(Endorsed) Filed in the office of the County Clerk of San Mateo County, Calif., Aug. 4, 1947. W. H. Augustus, County Clerk: by Anna Maes, Deputy County Clerk.

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Supervisors Call for Bids On 2 Projects

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors issued a call for bids for two construction projects expected to cost in the neighborhood of a half-million dollars.

The projects are for construction of the new juvenile home and for addition to the county relief home, both west of Belmont.

Bids are to be advertised as soon as possible, and will be opened at the board's second meeting next month, on Sept. 16.

Meanwhile, a hint that the explosive issue of the construction of a new courthouse was given when the supervisors set a secret caucus meeting this afternoon with Leo Sharpe of the advisory board of architects.

The supervisors would not say why the meeting was called, but during the regular session put a quick clamp on County Clerk William H. Augustus when the latter remarked that the crowded situation at the courthouse would be relieved in six years by new construction.

Plans for construction of the juvenile and relief homes previously had been approved but the advertising for bids was delayed while the architects prepared copies of the specifications.

Contractors will be required to make individual bids for each of the two projects, but joint bids also will be accepted if they wished to make them, the supervisors declared.

The juvenile home construction is to be an entirely new unit to house about 24 children. It will have kitchen facilities, a combination dining room-classroom, and office space for the probation committee staff.

The relief home addition calls for construction of a hospital-type concrete building to provide bed space for 64 additional persons, nearly doubling the present capacity of about 75.

The building is to be two stories high and is to have a sun deck on the third floor.

The cost of the juvenile home is expected to be about $150,000 or $175,000, and after the bids are received, the supervisors intend to apply for state matching funds. A bond issue of $75,000 was voted last November, and the county has budgeted $100,000 for the project. The supervisors stated that the bond issue possibly may not have to be used, depending on how much state funds are available.

A total of $335,000 would be available for the relief home construction, $75,000 from money previously budgeted; $130,000 in a bond issue, and the remainder in state matching funds.

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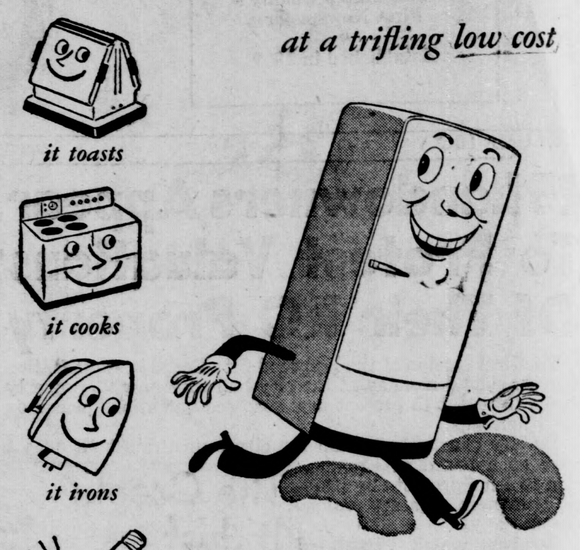

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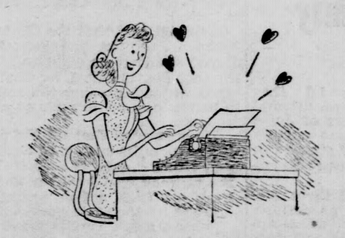

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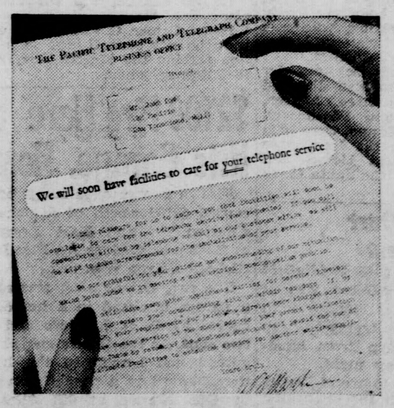

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Social Living Signup Letters Mailed by High School

Nearly 1200 letters were being sent out this week to the parents of Sequoia High School students signed up for the controversial social living course, Supt. A. C. Argo announced today.

The letter is to inform parents that students have a choice this fall semester between signing up for social living or for separate English and history courses.

Argo said that the letter being sent out is a modified version of the one originally approved by the board of trustees.

The board recently decided to put social living to the test and asked Argo to schedule separate English and history courses for pupils desiring to take them. The board first voted to limit the English and history courses to 50 pupils each but at a later meeting decided to allow as many pupils as sign up to take the alternate course.

The letter sent to the parents states: "It has been decided that pupils in the freshman and sophomore years may choose (1) a two-hour course in social living or (2) a one-hour course in history and a one-hour course in English.

"All freshmen and sophomores are now enrolled for social living. If you wish to change your child's enrollment from social living to separate classes of history and English, please enclose the return postcard so marked. Change will be made if requested by Aug. 25 and as scheduling permits."

Argo said that none of the postcards has been returned thus far but added that a few parents had phoned in to the school asking for further details.

The controversy over social living started when Dr. John C. Almack of Stanford University in his recent survey of the school condemned the course, blaming it as the cause of low scores made by Sequoia students in nationally standardized English and history tests.

Almack charged that no two social living teachers had the same objectives in the course and pointed out that most other schools offering social living had dropped it from their curriculae.

Argo, however, has maintained that social living is the most up to date method of teaching history and English and pointed out to the board that the course allowed students to receive counselling, study of current events, art and music, as well as history and English.

Argo labeled the two-hour course taught to all freshmen and sophomores as "the core of the Sequoia philosophy."

The new program will be put into operation at the opening of the fall semester on Sept. 10.

News of Commuters

BY JOE CABOOSE
(Always Last on the Train)

A Forum Letter in Thursday's Tribune, signed "Diane Riley," takes the local Cummuters' Club apart. Sans its cutie phrases, the message comes out thus: "For over two years, I have heard Commuter Club members state they were 'working on' the idea of getting Southern Pacific to issue a monthly commute without Saturdays and Sundays, which the majority who now work a 5-day week would appreciate. . . . All that has happened in the past two years has been the increase in the cost of our commute tickets. . . . A persistent little question keeps buzzing around in my 'alleged brain' — could it be that some members of the Commuters Club are stockholders in S.P.?"

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We don't know Miss (or Mrs.) Riley, but she has a very pretty name and she writes a charming letter. In view our our deep-South upbringing, and our code of chivalry which forbids slugging a lady without first sending her flowers, we were inclined to forget the whole matter.

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But on second thought we reasoned thus: If Miss Riley were racing us for the last seat on the train, would she hesitate to trip us to gain her objective? We think not. Therefore, why pull any punches when she criticizes our relations with Southern Pacific which, as everyone knows, is mere putty in the hands of the Redwood City Commuters Club. No, Miss Riley has led with her chin, and in the interest of truth, light and justice, we figuratively tip our hat, smile, and swing with a well-aimed right hook.

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Where were you, Miss Riley, on the day the State Utilities Commission (then the R. R. Commission) held a public hearing on S.P.'s application for the increase in commute rates, of which you complain? Were you present to protest this increase? Was your name on a petition anywhere protesting this increase? No! You and thirty thousand other commuters were content to lay back and let a mere handful of Redwood City Commuters (our club membership is only 150) carry the ball.

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Do you know, Miss Riley, that only three commuters appeared before the commission to oppose the rate increase of which your letter complains, and that all three were members of a special committee representing the Redwood City Commuters Club? Were you aware that our then president, W. J. McKeegan, appealed for Peninsula-wide commuter support and that not one of you outside the club so much as raised a finger to support the effort?

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Yes, we've talked of a 5-day-week commute. Our little group has accomplished much by talking and dreaming, planning and fighting — the marquee at 3rd & Townsend, the rerouting of streetcars to protect you from the inclemency of the weather, improving train and bus schedules; and many other things to make commuting more endurable if not comfortable.

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But, Miss Riley, there is a limit to the load one can carry on his back while swimming upstream. Geting a rate reduction now — which is what the 5-day-week commute amounts to — when the S.P. is threatening a further advance, is really swimming upstream against a strong current. And carrying you and 30,000 other drone commuters, who are willing to accept all the privileges and advantages without sharing the cost or effort, is too much of a swim even for the hardy 150 members of the Redwood City Commuters Club.

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Do we make ourselves clear, Miss Riley? In short, if Fate has destined you for a life of commuting, don't be sad about it. Put in with us and we'll try to help you. But don't stand off and throw rocks at the only group which is organized and able to help. Our Redwood City Commuters Club is willing to call the signals and carry the ball; but we need YOU and your 30,000 colleagues outside of the club to run interference for us. Anytime you have constructive ideas, write us direct — and we'll tell you how you can help.

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Incidentally, a lot of people including many commuters don't approve of the proposed increase in telephone rates. They hold, on the basis of the company's earnings and dividend record, and the small amount of wage and salary increase awarded employes recently, no such rate hikes are justified. The point is, if you feel that way, NOW is the time to protest — not after the increases have been approved.

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Everybody accumulates a lot of newspapers and magazines and they never quite know what to do with them. Well, here is an opportunity to dispose of them in a manner profitable to your community. On Aug. 23 and 24, the American Legion will conduct a paper drive for the benefit of the new legion hall building fund. Redwood City is desperately in need for an auditorium such as the legion hall will be. Let's all put in and work for it! By the way, the legion's new set of officers will be installed Wednesday, Aug. 13. They are James H. Whitehead, commander; Dr. Allen Blood, first vice commander; Darell Stuart, second vice commander; Tom Vernall, adjutant, and Joseph Hefner, sergeant-at-arms. A fine group of officers and gentlemen!

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Col. Harry Day entertained the club directors at his Harrison St. chateau last Tuesday night. The high point of the evening was Elmer Ross' eleventh-hour report on why he had not called a meeting of his "underpass committee." Elmer's reasons were convulsive if not convincing. He promises a meeting very soon. Tickets were distributed by Chmn. Duke Martin, house committee, for the tum Suden barbecue Sunday, Aug. 31. This is the club's banner event of the year, so order your tickets early. Don't say we didn't warn you!

Landowners Rap RC Assessments

Annie Offerman and Robert Gillespie were the headliners at a board of equalization session in the city hall council chambers.

This year the meetings are especially significant because the J. M. Cleminshaw Co. has just completed a citywide revaluation project which has raised the taxable assessed value of the city from $18,975,090 to $37,081,240.

Annie Offerman had appeared, claiming that between the OPA and city taxes a property owner was kept from "getting ahead." During her discussion she said that she had closed some apartments she owns rather than to rent them because the OPA would not permit her to charge large enough rents.

A house and lot she owns at 1018 Main St. are now assessed at $17,760, she said, pointing out that the plot and house were formerly assessed at $800. She wanted to know how come the increase.

Cleminshaw representatives using their records, pointed out that she had formerly been greatly underassessed. On former rolls a plot very near to hers of the same size had been assessed at $5000 while hers was assessed at only $400.

Mayor W. W. Hilton told her that previously she had just been "very fortunate." He explained that the purpose of hiring the Cleminshaw firm was to equalize the assessments all over the city so that some property owners would not pay a risproportionate share of taxes.

Gillespie, who owns an apartment building at 35 Duane St., questioned the firm's valuation of property in his area. He said he owned two lots, each of which was assessed at $35 00. A lot of the same size right next to his was sold in 1945 for $2887.50, he said.

William Cleminshaw said that the firm had determined values by estimating front foot values for lots and checking these values against the opinion of a committee of Redwood City realtors. After the realtors had set the unit values in Gillespie's area, Cleminshaw continued, the firm had measured the Gillespie lots and applied the unit values to the measurements.

City Assessor John J. Brophy and Cleminshaw today said that figures presented yesterday by Louis Weiss, 949 Edgewood Rd., needed clarification. Weiss had claimed that residential property was valued too high in comparison with business district property.

Among his examples of business area valuations, Weiss had claimed that a Purity Stores building at Marshall and Arguello Sts. was valued at $13,800. Cleminshaw said Weiss must have used the wrong figures because the firm had valued this at $36,000 instead.

County Salaries Rate Well in Area

Wages paid to employes of San Mateo County compare favorably with salaries paid in other Bay Area counties and private industry, according to a civil service commission survey released today.

However, the commission's staff stated that in some cases readjustments may be necessary.

The survey was made as a result of a 10 per cent across-the-board pay boost asked by the county employes AFL union to compensate for rising living costs. The commission is expected to discuss the survey at its meeting Friday afternoon, but no final decision was expected to be reached.

The survey, in general, reveals the following conditions in other counties:

San Francisco has a new study of wages under consideration.

Santa Clara County has granted general increases of from $10 to $15, plus various individual adjustments.

Contra Costa and Marin Counties have given general pay boosts approximating 10 per cent of the wages.

Alameda County has granted a $20 bonus to all employes.

The state of California has made adjustments fluctuating between $20 and $25.

The changes reported in the survey have been since July 1. The cost of living, meanwhile, has risen about 7 per cent since last September, when San Mateo County employes received the last general pay boost.

Geraldine Dodge To Judge Dog Show

Mrs. Geraldine R. Dodge of Giralda Farms, Madison, Wisc., one of the world's richest women, will head the list of internationally known canine experts who will officiate at the 45th annual dog show of the San Mateo Kennel Club at Bay Meadows race track on Sunday, Aug. 31.

Entries for the show at which more than 2000 dogs will be exhibited, are now being received by Mrs. Bernice Behrendt, 470 38th Ave., San Francisco. Mrs. Behrendt said that any recognized breed is eligible and that no pedigree is necessary.

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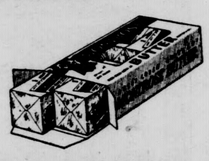

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